

STORM AND FLOOD

The Damage to Property in Pittsburgh and Allegheny Will Amount to \$3,000,000.

FIFTY THOUSAND WORKMEN ARE IDLE.

The Ohio River is Falling at Headwaters, But is Rising Rapidly at Points Below.

Many Houses at Wheeling, Bridgeport and Sawwood Are Flooded—Duplicate of the Flood in 1905 Expected at Pomeroy.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 22.—Pittsburgh and Allegheny are slowly emerging from the murky flood. At 8 p. m. the rivers were receding nearly a foot an hour. The highest point reached at Davis Island dam was 24.2 feet at 3 a. m., which means 22 feet at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. The water remained stationary until about 3 p. m., when it began to fall. Conservative estimates of the loss damage in this district is between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. Fifty thousand workers are suffering from enforced idleness.

While there has been greater floods at this point, there has never been one that caused so much financial loss and discomfort.

This was due to the dense population caused by the recent rapid growth of the two cities and to the fact that all the manufacturing plants on the river banks were in active operation, most of them never being shut out the fires and drove the workers to higher ground.

Trains Blocked by Snow.

On the Fort Wayne the worst case was a snow block at the junction of the river and the Ohio at 10 a. m. This began Saturday morning, and tied up the train in 24 hours. At 5 o'clock Sunday morning the track was cleared and trains began moving. The same trouble kept the Cleveland trains of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, five trains having been blocked at Widener near Leavittsburg, for 24 hours. This snowfall did not extend east of New Castle, but at Youngstown it was two feet deep and drifts in the cut north of that city were up to locomotive headlights. The wreck of an Erie train blocked the road so that deep drifts of snow were two feet deep on the Lake Erie tracks at Sawmill run, but trains got through.

Flood Landslides on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, the Baltimore and Ohio at Soho, on the Pan-handle, on the Southside, the Lessemmer at several points, and the Allegheny Valley near Franklin, Pa. The slide of snow was 150 feet long, and it required 14 hours work to clear one track. Through east-bound trains, passengers being transferred by street cars.

A Scene of Abject Misery.

The submerged districts in Pittsburgh and Allegheny were a scene of abject misery. The scene in some instances the first floors of stores are covered with water, where the flood has subsided, the left hand in a gray, yellow water to three inches deep. The residents spent all day trying to restore their homes to some degree of decency and comfort. The damage to the buildings in Allegheny is estimated at about \$100,000. It will take two months of hot summer weather to thoroughly dry out these districts. Pittsburgh the loss to residences and stores and goods, and the cost of cleaning up will amount to about \$250,000.

At Carnegieboro, six miles from Pittsburgh, the loss is estimated at \$40,000. The Westinghouse Electric Co. had two cars of fuel oil and material for Toronto, Can., on the tracks near Turtle creek. They were caught in the flood and water got onto the cars. The loss here is \$20,000. The Pittsburgh baseball park is in bad condition. At noon Sunday the first three tiers of chairs in the grand stand were under water and the bleachers were floating all over the diamond. It will take a week to put the grounds in shape.

AT WHEELING W. VA.

The City is Entirely Out of Contact Communication by Railroads Moving to Upper Floors.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 22.—At 3 p. m. the river was a few feet higher and rising two inches an hour. The top notch is expected in an hour or two with less than 24. This stage alone Wheeling entirely of the city communication by rail, and only the big Cincinnati liners are able to run now, and irate residents along the river banks are firing frequently at the boats because they prevent them from washing the foundations away from their houses. Sunday night a Wheeling island was fired at the "bucket" KeyStone at a passing towboat without effect.

In Wheeling, Bellairs, Bridgeport, Benwood and Martin's Ferry about 500 houses have been entered by the water, most of the families moving to upper floors. Nearly every manufacturing establishment in the Wheeling district is shut down and will resume until Tuesday. At Martin's Ferry the water destroyed \$50,000 brick at the Belmont Brick Co., entailing a loss of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

STORM AT ERIE PA.

The Worst Known There in 50 Years—Foot of Snow on the Level—Fruit Trees Damaged.

Erie, Pa., April 22.—The snowstorm of Friday night and Saturday and the worst known here in 50 years and surpassed the famous blizzard of March, 1888. There is 12 inches of snow on the level, and during Saturday nearly every trolley line in the city was knocked out. Sunday traffic was resumed irregularly. Wires were down and crossed and telephone companies blocked. Reports from outside the city, west, east and south, show snow three feet deep and great damage to fruit trees from the wet snow. Suburban stage mail and trolley lines were abandoned. There are numerous mishaps to freight trains on the Lake Shore railroad at Girard Junction, Swanton, Harbor Creek, and Westfield, N. Y. The thermometer was at no time below 32 degrees, and Sunday rain fell.

AT HUNTINGTON.

The Ohio, Guyanotte, Big Sandy, Tug and Twelve Pole Rising Rapidly at All Points.

Huntington, W. Va., April 22.—At 6 o'clock Sunday evening the rain and snow which has been falling for 75 hours ceased. The Ohio and Tug turned to rain Sunday night, making the situation worse instead of better. Only one wire out of town working, and local wire service of all kinds paralyzed. Many buildings were crushed or damaged by weight of snow, which would be over three feet deep if much had not been melted. Muskingum rose six feet Sunday, and word from headwaters indicated a disastrous flood as the snow flows out. The Baltimore and Ohio passenger trains due here at noon Saturday went through Sunday night. Most of Sunday's trains were abandoned.

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The Kanaheva River.

At Charleston, W. Va., It Was 36 Feet and Stationary, Falling at All Points Above.

Charleston, W. Va., April 22.—At 7 o'clock on Sunday the Kanaheva fell four-tenths and stationary. Falling at all points above. It rained snow or sleeted all day. Rain fell 40 hours. Sunday the morning presented a higher stage in lowlands in angle between Kanaheva and Elk flood and several dozen families were driven from their homes. The Kanaheva and Michigan rivers running south on the treble at Midway. Freight Conductor Joseph Parker, of Point Pleasant, fell and was run over and killed, his head being cut off. The K. M. & N. steamers have been flooded for the last 36 hours, does not expect to get a west-bound train out before noon Monday.

AT OTHER POINTS.

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Portsmouth, O., April 22.—River reached a stage of 49 feet here at 7 o'clock. The flood is steadily 3 1/2 inches an hour till 4 o'clock, when it jumped to 4 1/2 inches, which it maintained to the present. Rained and snowed alternately for the last 36 hours. No serious damage is feared. Expect 53 feet here, and the city is protected to that stage by dikes. Above that over the flood, including the city business houses, will be under water. So far little damage was done, aside from the inconvenience in moving. Business suspended. Residents were forced out Sunday and Saturday nights. Great uneasiness is felt, many fearing a repetition of the deluge.

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BRAND OF ROBBERS.

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The Emperor Ordered Gen. Liu to Retire Immediately Into Province of Shan Si—French and Germans Co-operating.

Peking, April 22.—A. J. F. Reid, commanding the 3d largest of the Indian Imperial service troops in China, who is now at Shan Hai Kwan, sent a company of Punjab Infantry to attack a band of robbers in the neighborhood of Pu Ning.

A force of boxers and robbers, more than a thousand strong, attacked the Indian troops, killing Maj. Browning and many and wounding others. The company retreating to Pu Ning. Reinforcements have been sent from Shan Hai Kwan.

The boxers are apparently well armed with modern rifles. Pao Ting Fu, Saturday April 20.—This city has been for the last four days a big military camp of French and German soldiers on the way to the front. It is now estimated that 8,000 French troops and 6,000 Germans will form the entire force when all the reinforcements have arrived. There is no truth in current reports regarding severe fighting between the outposts and the Chinese.

Chinese General Retired.

Three men left yesterday night en route to convey Emperor Kwang Shu's first order to Gen. Liu to retire immediately into the province of Shan Si. Prince Ching and other Chinese officials say the Chinese general has already retired; but their confessions or denials are considered very unreliable.

The French and German troops seem to be co-operating fairly well, although until Friday there was some doubt as to who would command the expedition. This question has been settled by an arrangement under which the French and Germans are to work independently and yet at the same time to co-operate.

If the Chinese retire over the Shan Si boundary, then, according to international agreement, the foreign troops should not go beyond it. The ministers of the powers in Peking earnestly hope that this may be the case. It is pointed out that the Chinese force has not been aggressive and only came a few miles over the border, arguing that it might just as well have been allowed to remain where it was.

Borrowed From the Russians.

Shanghai, April 22.—The Tartar general at Feng Tien, Manchuria, has borrowed 500,000 taels from the Chinese government of the land and poll taxes, the sum of 400,000 taels to be applied in forming a force of military police. Shanghai, April 22.—Native reports say the Gen. Feng Tien Dai, commanding in the province of Yun Nan, with 6,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry, well armed and disciplined, passed through Cheng Tu lately bound for Hsiao.

RIPLEY NOT GUILTY.

The Jury Acquitted Him of Charge of Conspiracy to Assassinate Senator William Hearst.

Frankfort, Ky., April 22.—After two hours' consideration of the case, the jury today found their hands on the fate of Capt. Garrett Ripley, returned into court a verdict of "Not guilty as charged in the indictment." The verdict came 11:15 o'clock and was not a surprise to the defendant or his counsel. The defendant was the first to reach the jury box when the verdict had been read. He grasped the hand of his counsel and exclaimed, "Your verdict was a true one, I thank you." The defendant was immediately surrounded by friends and congratulated.

Lexington, Ky., April 22.—Capt. Garrett D. Ripley, acquitted at Frankfort Saturday of the charge of conspiracy in the killing of William Hearst, will leave Thursday for a visit of six weeks to Spanish Honduras. He spent the night here with friends.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

An Atlantic Man has Perfected a System Extending 1,000 Miles Beyond Present Limits.

Arlanta, Ga., April 22.—D. M. Therrell, of this city, claims to have succeeded in perfecting a system by which telephonic long distance limits are extended 1,000 miles beyond present conventional limits, that is, from 1,350 to 2,300 miles. During recent tests of this apparatus conversation was carried on over one circuit between Atlanta and Troy, N. Y., made up in a round-about way, and with 13 miles of cable in the circuit.

Bank Officials Rejoice.

Vancouver, Wash., April 22.—Chas. Brown and F. L. Canby, president and cashier respectively of the First national bank of this city, which was expected to suspend Saturday, admitted suicide Saturday night two miles from here, and their bodies were found Sunday morning.

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